

**Safety and Support Equipment for Probation Officers,  
Social Workers, and Pioneer Home Residents and Staff**

**FY2008 Request: \$740,800**  
**Reference No: AMD32446**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Equipment

**Category:** Health/Human Services

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project funds critical equipment needed by the Department to enhance security and program efficiency and replace aging equipment within division offices. There is an urgent need for this equipment to improve the quality of life of Alaska Pioneer Home residents and so that Alaska Pioneer Home workers, Juvenile Justice detention and probation officers and front line Public Assistance workers can perform their duties safely and effectively.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$245,400	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		\$1,245,400
G/F Match	\$107,663	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$4,107,663
Gen Fund	\$387,737	\$48,094	\$48,094	\$48,094	\$48,094		\$580,113
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$740,800</b>	<b>\$1,298,094</b>	<b>\$1,298,094</b>	<b>\$1,298,094</b>	<b>\$1,298,094</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,933,176</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
30% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	4,800	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

CH82/SLA06/P74/L5 - \$28.4 GF, \$320.2 GF Match, and \$151.4 Federal  
CH159/SLA04/P27/L10 - \$350.0 Federal Unrestricted and \$130.2 Federal  
CH82/SLA03/P29/L8 - \$260.0 GF and \$135.0 Federal  
CH1/SSSLA02/P40/L26 - \$400 GF and \$714.2 Federal  
CH61/SLA01/P19/L11 - \$200.0 GF and \$2,331.0 Federal  
CH135/SLA00/P14/L21 - \$163.2 AHFC Dividends and \$38.9 Federal

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project includes a broad range of equipment needed for the Department's operations. It is the intent of the Department that funds will be used for the acquisition of equipment necessary to improve quality of life for Alaska Pioneer Home residents and to improve security and efficiency for Alaska Pioneer Home workers, Juvenile Justice detention and probation officers, and for Public Assistance workers located in facilities throughout the state.

The list of equipment presented in this request is comprehensive and covers all known equipment needs for the requested divisions now. The Department will purchase equipment based on the lists below to the greatest extent possible. However, actual allocation of funds for particular equipment will depend on a determination of current needs at the time that funds become available.

**A. Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes \$189.9**

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The resident room furnishings in all the Pioneer Homes are old and in many cases beyond repair. Most furnishings are original items purchased when the homes were built and are beyond their useful life.

Many resident rooms contain mis-matched, old and damaged furnishings. This furniture is subject to hard use due to the number of residents who use this furniture, the damage caused by wheelchairs, walkers, lifts, and industrial cleaning and handling. The hard use has left the residents with battered and broken furnishings. Although some nightstands have been replaced over the years, the replacements have been poor quality particle board that quickly deteriorates.

Additionally, many of the window coverings are original to the buildings. At the Fairbanks Pioneer Home, they were designed for private home, not facility use and the residents have difficulty operating the pull cords. These window coverings will be replaced with commercial grade equipment that the residents can operate.

Equipment and furnishings that are damaged and beyond repair not only affect the residents, but also impact Pioneer Home workers. Dealing with defective furniture and inoperable window coverings causes workers to spend energy and time on these tasks, often taking time away from more important duties.

**B. Division of Juvenile Justice \$192.2**

The Division of Juvenile Justice requests funds to provide for statewide safety, security and equipment improvements for probation officers and juvenile justice officers

**Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility**

Computer System LCD Touch Screens. These screens are used to controls door locks from the control room at the youth facility. The screens now being used are wearing out and need to be replaced.

**Mat-Su Youth Facility**

Security Camera/Recorder. There is no method of recording events at the facility and the parking lot camera is inadequate to monitor the entire lot. This funding will be used to install a digital video recorder and a pan tilt zoom camera for the parking lot.

Security Fencing. There is no secured area off the resident wing for egress. This funding will add and extend the recreation yard fence to include the exit door.

**Fairbanks Youth Facility**

Radio Replacement. The Fairbanks Youth Facility, in conjunction with Fairbanks probation, needs to upgrade their radio system to the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system. The existing radios have limited range and channel reception. The system used is similar to the old analog phone system, and since the Fairbanks Police Department and the Alaska State Troopers have moved on to digital systems, our staff cannot communicate by radio with them. Additionally, at the court building, juvenile justice officers constantly come face to face with Court Services Officers who are moving adult prisoners because of our limited radio range and antiquated system. Contact between juveniles held by the State and adult prisoners are a violation of federal law that could impact federal funding for the Division of Juvenile Justice.

The equipment to be purchased and/or replaced includes 15 hand-held ALMR radios, five vehicle ALMR radios, one base station, two desktop remotes, one gang charger, antenna and connectors, and labor. Five hand-held radios would go to probation, five to detention, and five to treatment. Three vehicle radios would go to probation, one to detention, and one to treatment.

This would replace all of the radios for the Division of Juvenile Justice in Fairbanks and allow us to communicate with other law enforcement agencies in the city.

**McLaughlin Youth Center**

Radio Replacement. The McLaughlin Youth Center has 40 Motorola 1250 radios, and we are temporarily using the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) emergency broadcast channel, because last year our frequency was given to Homeland Security for the ALMR project. We have encountered severe communication interference in sharing a channel with the DEC. It seems doubtful that we will again have our own frequency. Enterprise Technology Services is encouraging users to purchase the new ALMR radios. This improvement will bring our radios up to current technology and increase safety and security of the facility, residents and staff. These requested funds will be used to purchase 40 Motorola XTS 500 Model II radios.

**Probation Services Safety Equipment**

Funding is needed for the purchase of safety equipment for division probation officers. Some of the items listed below are relatively inexpensive, but when consideration is given to the number of items needed, the cumulative cost becomes too much to be absorbed through the operating budget. These equipment items listed below are needed throughout the state and are related to the safety of the probation officers and the juvenile offenders.

**Soft Body Armor/Ballistic Vests.** There are several new probation officers who are in need of vests. Additionally, vests have a life of five years before they must be replaced. This request accounts for those that should be replaced in FY08. Approximately 15 vests, at a cost of about \$600 each, are needed.

**Radios/Juvenile Transport Vehicles.** About one-half of the field services vehicles do not have radios that allow for contact with local law enforcement or the nearest facility. Approximately 20 vehicle radios, at a cost of about \$2,500 each, are needed.

**Radios/Hand Held.** Hand-held radios enhance officer safety. The ratio of these radios to officers does not need to be one per officer, but a sufficient number for safety should be available. In offices where there are only a few probation officers, the ratio will be 1:1; in offices where there are several probation officers, the ratio will be 2:1. Approximately 35 hand-held radios, at a cost of about \$900 each, are needed.

**Jackets/Officer ID/Arrest, Transport.** Post-9/11 security has been especially heightened in malls and airports. Juvenile probation officers and social services associates accompany youth for airplane transportation in airports and for post-release rehabilitation activities, such as job applications and work, in malls. Heightened post- 9/11 security makes it critical that juvenile probation officers and social services associates wear gear that easily identifies them as law enforcement officials. Approximately 100 jackets, at a cost of about \$75 each, are needed.

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**Handcuffs.** Additional handcuffs are being requested for new officers and for current offices that do not have enough handcuffs.

**Handcuff Cases.** Cuff cases are critical equipment when engaging in an arrest to keep equipment from being conspicuous and also to allow for easy access. This increases officer safety. Approximately 40 handcuff cases, at a cost of about \$25 each, are needed.

**Cuff Waist Belts.** Not all offices currently have waist belt restraints. Approximately 15 cuff waist belts, at a cost of about \$50 each, are needed.

**Cuff Leg Irons.** Not all offices currently have leg iron restraints. Approximately 10 cuff leg irons, at a cost of about \$50 each, are needed.

**Walk-Thru Metal Detectors.** Several offices do not have either barriers to aid with security or office access control. Because these offices are not located in a youth detention facility, they usually do not have access to larger security screening devices. Having this equipment will provide security in places where construction of barriers is not feasible due to office layout. A few offices share space with the Office of Children's Services, which makes security even more important so that children and parents served by the Office of Children's Services are not endangered. Approximately 10 walk-thru metal detectors, at a cost of about \$2,500 each, are needed.

**Hand Held Metal Detectors.** Some offices need new hand-held security devices because the current units do not work. Approximately five hand-held metal detectors, at a cost of about \$200 each, are needed.

**Digital Cameras.** Access to a digital camera is necessary for the Juvenile Justice Juvenile Offender Management Information System. Digital cameras are used to take initial photos for the case file. These pictures assist if/when warrants are issued for youth who are absent without leave. Approximately four digital cameras, at a cost of about \$250 each, are needed.

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New Cage for Vehicles/Arrest, Transport for Mat-Su vehicle. Most vehicles have barriers/cages. One is requested for Mat-Su because the current vehicle has limited visibility, reducing safety of arrestees and officers. This cage is estimated to cost about \$800.

Emergency Call Button Installation and/or Improvement. Currently, we have several offices that do not have barriers to restrict public access or any connection to a youth detention facility. These offices would benefit from "man down" devices that alert local law enforcement there is an emergency in the office. Approximately 10 emergency call buttons, at a cost of about \$250 each, are needed.

**C. Division of Public Assistance \$358.7**

The Division of Public Assistance is committed to providing a safe, professional, and efficient workplace for employees. As workplace environments have changed and day-to-day activities performed by staff require more technology-based functions, it is critical that staff ergonomic needs are met. By meeting the basic workplace needs of staff we increase productivity, reduce staff absences, workers compensation claims, and maintain the focus of the agency's mission. Budgetary constraints require a prolonged life cycle replacement of worker safety equipment. Below is a comprehensive list for all equipment needs for the Division of Public Assistance. The division will allocate funds that are approved through this request based on the highest needs for the division offices throughout the state.

**Coastal Region**

Kenai/Homer	4 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 15,200
Kenai/Homer	4 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 1,200
Anchorage Field Office	4 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 15,200
Anchorage Field Office	1 Large Conference Room Tables	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Anchorage Field Office	18 Ergonomic Meeting Room Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 5,400
Anchorage Field Office	2 Tall Modular partition	\$ 300	\$ 600
Anchorage Field Office	1 Mail Slot Station	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Anchorage Field Office	4 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
Bethel	1 Mobile Work Station	\$ 600	\$ 600
Bethel	2 Adjustable Height Computer Work Station	\$ 000	\$ 2,000
Bethel	2 Utility Tables	\$ 400	\$ 800
Bethel	4 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ 51,100</b>

**Support Units**

Statewide	6 Wireless Headsets	\$ 300	\$ 1,800
Statewide	13 Ergonomic Keyboards and Mice	\$ 200	\$ 2,600
Statewide	6 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 1,800
Statewide	6 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 22,800
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ 29,000</b>

**Child Care**

Statewide	2 Wireless Headsets	\$ 300	\$ 600
Statewide	6 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 1,800

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Statewide	6 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 1,800
Statewide	2 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 7,600
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ 11,800</b>

**Northern Region**

Fairbanks	10 Track Filing Platform	\$ 1,100	\$ 11,000
Fairbanks	12 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 3,600
Fairbanks	14 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 4,200
Fairbanks	7 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 26,600
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ 45,400</b>

**Southeast Region**

Juneau	3 Monitor Risers	\$ 100	\$ 300
Juneau	3 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 900
Juneau	1 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
Juneau	1 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ ,000	\$ 1,000
Juneau	3 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 900
Juneau	3 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 11,400
Juneau	3 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Juneau	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 600
Juneau	3 Keyboard Tray	\$ 200	\$ 600
Ketchikan	2 Monitor Risers	\$ 100	\$ 200
Ketchikan	1 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 300
Ketchikan	2 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Ketchikan	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 600
Ketchikan	3 Keyboard Tray	\$ 200	\$ 600
Ketchikan	1 Wireless headsets	\$ 200	\$ 200
Ketchikan	2 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 7,600
Sitka	2 Monitor Risers	\$ 100	\$ 200
Sitka	1 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 300
Sitka	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 300	\$ 600
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ 35,100</b>

**DPA Central**

Mat-Su	14 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 53,200
Mat-Su	14 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000

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Mat-Su	1 Reception chairs	\$ 300	\$ 300
Mat-Su	15 Document holders	\$ 100	\$ 1,500
Mat-Su	15 Wireless headsets	\$ 300	\$ 4,500
Mat-Su	2 Automatic ADA door openers	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,400
Mat-Su	1 Extended intercom System	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Gambell	20 Angled Training Room Tables	\$ 500	\$ 10,000
Gambell	28 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 106,400
Gambell	38 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$ 600	\$ 22,800
Gambell	14 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 400	\$ 5,600
Adult Public Assistance	12 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,800	\$ 45,600
Adult Public Assistance	12 Reception chairs	\$ 300	\$ 3,600
Adult Public Assistance	12 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 400	\$ 4,800
Muldoon/ER	15 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$ 600	\$ 9,000
Regional	4 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$ 600	\$ 2,400
Regional	4 Reception chairs	\$ 300	\$ 1,200
Regional	1 Book case	\$ 200	\$ 200
Regional	2 Locking lateral file cabinets	\$ 400	\$ 800
Regional	10 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 300	\$ 3,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 298,800</b>	
<b>PA Grand Total</b>		<b>\$471,200</b>	

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing vehicles and equipment that will allow staff to carry out their responsibilities effectively and in a safe manner.

The end results to which this project contributes are "Provide a safe environment for Alaska pioneers and veterans", "Improve juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services resulting in higher levels of accountability and public safety" and "Low income families and individuals become economically self-sufficient".